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SUBJECT: NIGHT REACH: KENYAN AIRLIFT

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USG IS PREPARED TO AIRLIFT KENYA'S UNEF CONTINGENT TO THE MIDDLE EAST ON THE BASIS OF THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDINGS:

1. WE WILL LIFT TROOPS, THEIR ACCOMPANYING BAGGAGE, AND SUCH LIGHT (JEEP-TYPE) VEHICLES AS ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR MINIMUM MOBILITY ON ARRIVAL, DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT BY US AND UN OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK;
2. THE AIRLIFT OF THE KENYAN CONTINGENT WILL COMPLETE OUR COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE NON-REIMBURSABLE LIFT FOR THE INITIAL INSERTION OF UNEF CONTINGENTS (CF. RUSH-CLEMENTS CORRESPONDENCE OF NOVEMBER 1973);
3. WE EXPECT THE UN, AS PREVIOUSLY, TO ENSURE THAT OUR AIRCRAFT WILL ENCOUNTER NO REFUELING PROBLEMS AT CAIRO (AND FOR THAT MATTER AT NAIROBI);
4. THE NUMBER, WEIGHT, AND CUBE OF KENYAN VEHICLES, PARTICULARLY THE HEAVY TRUCKS WE NOTE MENTIONED IN REF (B), APPEAR MUCH GREATER THAN THAT REQUIRED BY GHANAIAI AND SENEGALESE CONTINGENTS OF APPROXIMATELY THE SAME SIZE. ALTHOUGH THE DISTANCE BETWEEN KENYA AND EGYPT IS RELATIVELY SHORT (IN COMPARISON WITH OTHER LIFTS WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN), THE OVERALL COSTS OF AIRLIFTING SO LARGE A VEHICLE CARGO WOULD RAISE OUR COSTS PROHIBITIVELY. IN SEEKING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS REQUIRED FOR PAYMENT OF UNEF AIRLIFT SERVICES, STATE AND DEFENSE COULD NOT JUSTIFY AIRLIFT FOR THESE VEHICLES SO LONG AFTER THE INITIAL EMERGENCY CONDITIONS OBTAINED, ALL THE MORE SO GIVEN KENYAN RELATIVE PROXIMITY TO SUEZ PORT. WE SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT KENYAN VEHICULAR REQUIREMENTS BE CLARIFIED AND THAT THE UN EXPLORE SEALIFT FROM KENYA TO THE MIDDLE EAST FOR THESE VEHICLES. AT PRESENT DOD CANNOT LIFT THE QUANTITY OF HEAVY TRUCKS MENTIONED IN REF (B).
5. AMONG THE DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT IS TIMING. TO KEEP OUR OVERALL COSTS MANAGEABLE WE INTEND WHERE POSSIBLE TO TIME OUR LIFT ACCORDING TO THE AVAILABILITY OF MAC AIRCRAFT AT APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS IN EUROPE AND/OR ASIA. WE

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